

I am opposed to the proposed deregulation that is to be voted on regarding the number of media outlets that can be owned by a single entity in a particular. Our constitutional right to a free and open press will be jeopardized by the ability of large media conglomerates to consolidate, and, thus, exert control over the content and tone of the news reporting. We need a free and independent press, radio and television to have a truly informed public - a core ingredient of a healthy and functioning democracy. The FCC should be there to protect the public from corporate control of the air waves and print media. I hope the members of the FCC will act responsibly in this regard. I heard Chairman Powell on NPR and I serious exceptions to the arguments he gave regarding the current deliberations of the FCC. Thank you for your time and attention.